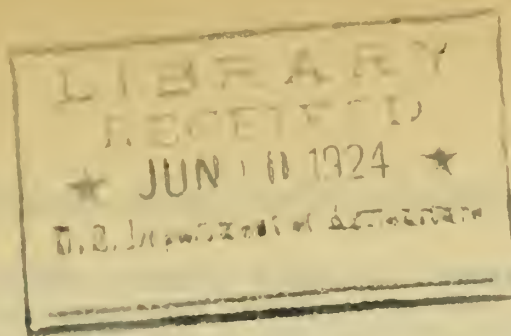


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## United States Department of Agriculture

### SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

#### REGULATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAME IN CERTAIN LOCALITIES IN ALASKA

By virtue of the authority conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture by section 2 of the act of May 11, 1908 (35 Stat. 102; Compiled Laws of Alaska, sec. 331), entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the protection of game in Alaska, and for other purposes,' approved June 7, 1902," the following regulations for the protection of game in Alaska are made and published, to take effect July 1, 1924:

##### REGULATION 1.—OPEN SEASONS FOR BIG GAME

The killing of deer in southeastern Alaska east of longitude 141° (except on Kruzof and Partofshikof Islands and the Taku River drainage as provided in Regulation 3) is hereby limited to deer having horns not less than 3 inches long, and the season for killing such deer is limited to the period from September 16 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

The killing of moose, caribou, and mountain sheep in Alaska north of latitude 62° is hereby limited to the period from August 20 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

The killing of mountain goats (except on the eastern part of the Kenai Peninsula, on Baranof and Chichagof Islands, and in the Taku River drainage as provided in Regulation 3) is hereby limited to the period from August 20 to October 31, both dates inclusive.

The killing of moose south of latitude 62° and west of longitude 146° is hereby limited to the period from September 1 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

##### REGULATION 2.—LIMITS

The number of deer, goats, and mountain sheep that may be killed by any one person during the open season is hereby limited to three each.

The number of moose that may be killed south of latitude 62° by any one person during the open season is hereby limited to one.

##### REGULATION 3.—AREAS WHERE KILLING CERTAIN ANIMALS IS PROHIBITED

The killing of any game animal or bird on Kruzof and Partofshikof Islands, near Sitka, is prohibited until July 1, 1926.

The killing of mountain goats on Baranof and Chichagof Islands is prohibited until July 1, 1926.

The killing of deer west of longitude 141° is prohibited until July 1, 1926.

The killing of any game animal in the drainage of the Taku River between the Canadian boundary and a line drawn from Taku Point to the east end of the face of Taku Glacier is hereby prohibited until July 1, 1926.



The killing of mountain sheep and mountain goats in the eastern part of the Kenai Peninsula east of longitude 150° (the location of which is indicated by a north and south line passing through the Stalter Place on Kenai River) is prohibited until July 1, 1926.

**REGULATION 4.—KILLING FEMALES AND YOUNG OF CERTAIN ANIMALS**

The killing of female mountain sheep, female deer, mountain sheep lambs, mountain goat kids, and fawns of deer and caribou south of the Arctic Circle is hereby prohibited.

**REGULATION 5.—SALE OF DEER MEAT IN ALASKA, AND POSSESSION OF DEER AND PARTS THEREOF KILLED IN CLOSE SEASON**

The sale, directly or indirectly, of deer meat in Alaska is hereby prohibited; and no deer meat shall be procured for serving or served in any boarding house, café, cannery, eating house, hotel, mess house, or restaurant by the proprietor thereof or his agent, and no deer meat shall be served on board any steamer or other vessel in the waters of Alaska. Possession of deer, or any part thereof, killed in the close season is prohibited, except possession thereof by natives, miners, and explorers in accordance with the exemptions contained in section 1 of the Alaska game law.

**REGULATION 6.—SALE OF MEAT, CARCASSES, OR PARTS THEREOF OF MOOSE, CARIBOU, MOUNTAIN SHEEP, AND MOUNTAIN GOATS IN PARTS OF SOUTHERN ALASKA**

The sale, directly or indirectly, of the meat, carcasses, or parts thereof of moose, caribou, mountain sheep, or mountain goats in Alaska south of the summit of the Chugach or Coast Range Mountains, including all of the Kenai Peninsula, the Alaska Peninsula, and thence east to Longitude 141°, and the shipping of the meat or the carcasses or parts thereof of said animals for sale from Anchorage, Seward, or other points on the Kenai Peninsula or from points on the Alaska Peninsula are hereby prohibited; and no meat, carcasses, or parts thereof of said animals shall be accepted for shipment to other points in Alaska unless accompanied by affidavit of the owner that they were not purchased and are not intended for sale; *Provided*, That when the shipment is made between points at which there is no office authorized to administer oaths a signed statement of the shipper, witnessed by one or more agents of the transportation company, may be accepted in lieu of an affidavit.

The meat of moose, caribou, mountain sheep, or mountain goats shall not be procured for serving or served in any boarding house, café, cannery, eating house, hotel, mess house, restaurant, or dining car by the proprietor thereof or his agent, in Alaska south of the summit of the Chugach or Coast Range Mountains, including all of the Kenai Peninsula, the Alaska Peninsula, and thence east to Longitude 141°.

**REGULATION 7.—HIRING HUNTERS**

The hiring of any person, directly or indirectly, to kill or capture game birds or game animals for any boarding house, café, cannery, eating house, hotel, mess house, restaurant, dining car, or vessel in Alaska south of the Arctic Circle is hereby prohibited.

**REGULATION 8.—HUNTING DEER OR MOOSE WITH ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS**

Hunting or killing deer or moose in Alaska with the aid of fires, jacklights, searchlights, or other artificial lights is hereby prohibited.

**REGULATION 9.—KILLING GAME AND BIRDS TO FEED DOGS AND FOXES**

No game animal or bird (except eagles, ravens, and cormorants) shall be killed and no such animal or bird or the carcasses or parts thereof shall be sold, purchased, or procured for the purpose of feeding, or fed to foxes or other fur-bearing animals in captivity, or to dogs boarded for pay; *Provided*, that otherwise waste parts, such as the hides, viscera, and bones, may be fed to such animals.

**REGULATION 10.—DESTRUCTION OF GAME BY DOGS**

Killing or permitting the killing of moose, deer, caribou, mountain sheep, or mountain goats with dogs, or permitting dogs to hunt moose, deer, caribou, mountain sheep, or mountain goats, in Alaska south of the Arctic Circle is hereby prohibited.

**REGULATION 11.—USE OF POISON TO KILL WILD ANIMALS**

The use of strychnine or other poisons in killing wild animals in Alaska is forbidden, except that poison may be used under official direction for the destruction of wolves, coyotes, and wolverenes by game and fur wardens or other officers of the Department of Agriculture and by game wardens in the Territorial service.

On and after July 1, 1924, all regulations for the protection of game in Alaska made and published by the Secretary of Agriculture under authority of the Alaska game law prior to the regulations hereby made and published, except the regulations of August 1, 1908, relating to the collection of specimens for scientific purposes, and the capture or shipment of live animals and birds for exhibition or propagation, and the export of specimens from Alaska, shall be and are hereby revoked.

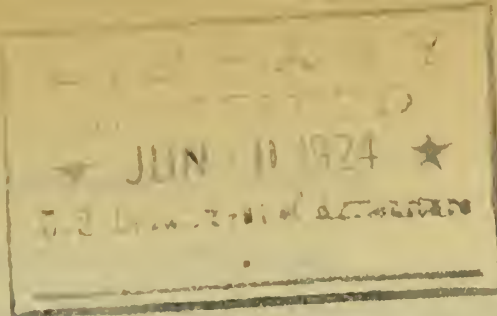
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the United States Department of Agriculture to be affixed, in the city of Washington, this 6th day of May, 1924.

[SEAL.]

HENRY C. WALLACE,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*







## United States Department of Agriculture

### SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

##### REGULATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LAND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS IN ALASKA

The act of May 31, 1920, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921" (41 Stat. 694, at pp. 716-717), conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture the powers and duties theretofore conferred upon the Secretary of Commerce, by law, proclamations, or Executive orders, with respect to any mink, marten, beaver, land otter, muskrat, fox, wolverene, weasel, or other land fur-bearing animal in Alaska.

Section 1956 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 173 of the act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1253), and by section 4 of the act of April 21, 1910 (36 Stat. 326-327), provides that—

No person shall kill any otter, mink, marten, sable, or fur seal, or other fur-bearing animal, within the limits of Alaskan Territory or in the waters thereof; and every person guilty thereof shall, for each offense, be fined not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and all vessels, their tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo found engaged in violation of this section shall be forfeited; but the Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall have power to authorize the killing of any such mink, marten, sable, fur seal, or other fur-bearing animal under such regulations as he may prescribe; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to prevent the killing of any fur seal except as authorized by law and to provide for the execution of the provisions of this section until it is otherwise provided by law.

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture under the aforesaid acts of Congress, the following regulations, effective July 1, 1924, are prescribed to govern the killing of land fur-bearing animals in Alaska:

##### REGULATION 1.—DISTRICTS

For the purpose of enforcing this act the Territory of Alaska is hereby divided into three districts as shown in the accompanying map and described as follows:

*District 1* includes the Aleutian Islands, Alaska Peninsula and neighboring islands, and Southeastern Alaska, mainland and islands, from Yakutat Bay to Dixon Entrance.

*District 2* includes the mainland and islands from Yakutat Bay, Gulf of Alaska, Iliamna Lake, and Bristol Bay, northward to the headwaters of the streams flowing into the Arctic Ocean north of the sixty-eighth parallel of north latitude.

*District 3* includes the region drained by the streams entering the Arctic Ocean north of the sixty-eighth parallel of north latitude.



**REGULATION 2.—UNPRIME PELTS**

No land fur-bearing animal shall be killed when its pelt is unprime.

**REGULATION 3.—BEAVER AND MARTEN**

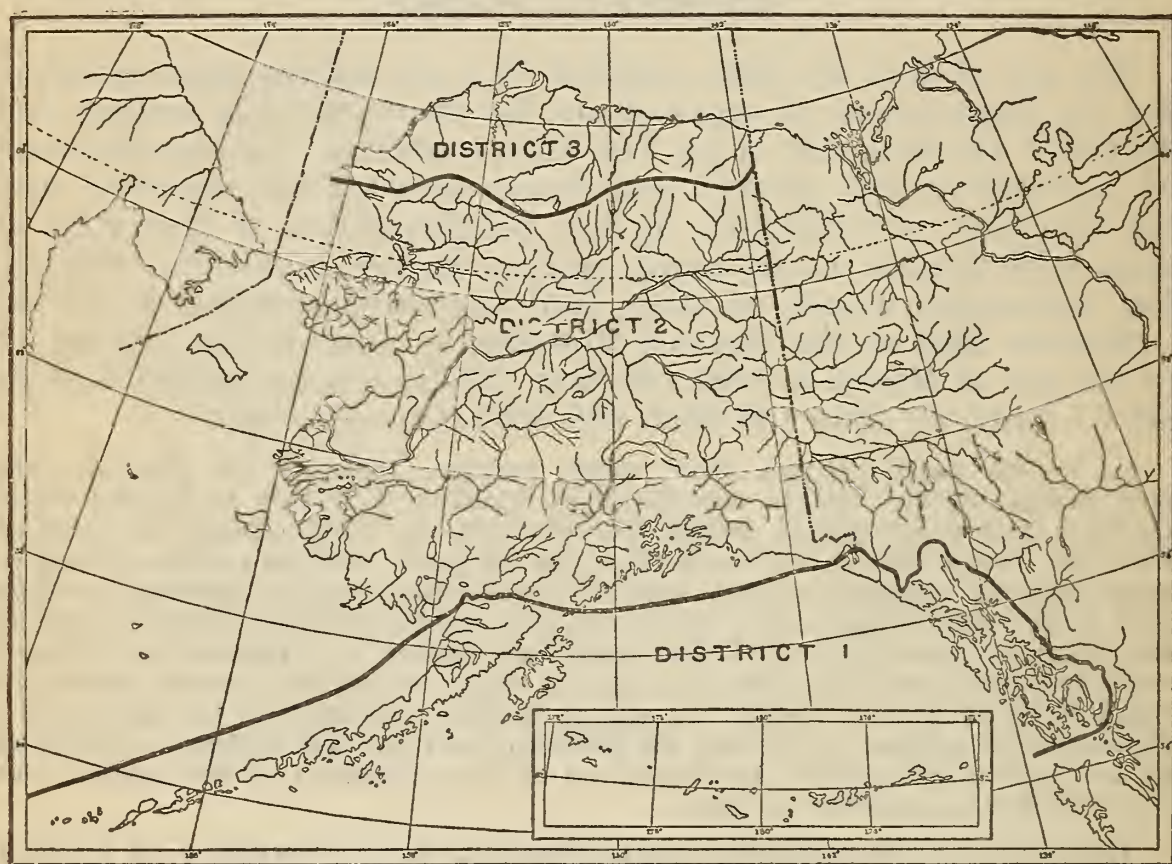
The killing of beaver and marten throughout the Territory is hereby prohibited.

**REGULATION 4.—KRUFZOF AND PARTOFSHIKOF ISLANDS**

The killing of any land fur-bearing animal on Kruzof and Partofshikof Islands is hereby prohibited.

**REGULATION 5.—LOWER TAKU RIVER**

The killing of any land fur-bearing animal, except wolves, in the drainage of the Taku River between the Canadian Boundary and a line drawn from Taku Point to the east end of the face of Taku Glacier is hereby prohibited.



Map of Alaska, showing fur districts

**REGULATION 6.—OPEN SEASONS**

Land fur-bearing animals may be killed in the specified districts during the following open seasons, dates inclusive:

*District 1:* (See exceptions for the Kodiak-Afognak Islands Group.)

Muskrat, December 16 to April 30.

Mink, land otter, and weasel (ermine), December 16 to March 31.

Bear—black, cinnamon, and glacier—September 1 to June 30.

Fox—red, cross, and silver—and lynx, November 16 to February 15.

Blue fox—on the Aleutian Islands Reservation only—November 16 to February 15.

Wolf or wolverene, no close season.

*Exceptions:* Kodiak-Afognak Islands Group, including Dark Island as the outermost island on the north, Marmot Island on the east, and Tugidak and Trinity Islands on the west and south:

Fox—red, cross, and silver—land otter, weasel (ermine), November 16 to February 15.



*District 2:*

Muskrat, May 1 to June 10, except, that in all that part of District 2 lying south of latitude 62° and west of longitude 141, to include the waters tributary to Cook Inlet, the open season shall be December 16 to April 30.

Mink, land otter, and weasel (ermine), November 16 to March 31.

Bear—black, cinnamon, and glacier—September 1 to June 30.

Foxes (see exceptions) and lynx, December 1 to March 31.

*Exceptions:* Blue foxes may be taken south of latitude 62° only on the Bering Sea drainage north of Bristol Bay.

Wolf and wolverene, no close season.

*District 3:*

Muskrat, May 1 to June 10.

Foxes, lynx, mink, land otter, and weasel (ermine), November 16 to March 31.

Black or cinnamon bears, wolf, and wolverene, no close season.

**REGULATION 7.—ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS AND DESTRUCTION OF HOUSES, DAMS, OR RUNWAYS OF BEAVER**

The killing of any of the following land fur-bearing animals, viz: White fox, blue fox, red fox, cross fox, black or silver fox, mink, marten (American sable), land otter, weasel (ermine), muskrat, and beaver, by the use of a jack or pit lamp or any other artificial light, and the destruction of the houses, dams, or runways of beaver by the use of dynamite or other explosives, or in any other manner, is prohibited at all times.

**REGULATION 8.—TRAPS**

The killing of any land fur-bearing animal at any time by means of the trap or device known as the "klips," or by means of any steel bear trap or any other trap with jaws having a spread exceeding 9 inches, is prohibited.

**REGULATION 9.—DOGS**

The use of dogs for pursuing and killing any land fur-bearing animal for which a close season is prescribed for any period is prohibited.

**REGULATION 10.—POISON**

The killing of any land fur-bearing animal by means of strychnine or other poison is prohibited at all times, except that wolves, coyotes, and wolverenes may be so killed under official supervision.

**REGULATION 11.—SEIZURE OF SKINS**

Skins of land fur-bearing animals killed in violation of the Alaska fur law or of these regulations and found in the possession of any person in Alaska shall be seized by a warden, an officer designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, or other officer authorized by law.

**REGULATION 12.—SHIPMENTS OF FURS TO BE REPORTED**

Shipments of furs consigned to points outside of Alaska, which may be made at any time, shall be reported to the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, on appropriate blanks which will be supplied for that purpose.

On and after July 1, 1924, all regulations for the protection of land fur-bearing animals in Alaska made and published by the Secretary of Agriculture under authority of the Alaska fur law prior to the regulations hereby made and published shall be and are hereby revoked.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the United States Department of Agriculture to be affixed, in the City of Washington, this 6th day of May, 1924.

[SEAL.]

HENRY C. WALLACE,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

NOTE.—The Criminal Code of Alaska (Title 1, Chap. 13, sec. 186) provides that all persons concerned in the commission of a crime, whether they directly commit the act constituting the crime or aid and abet in its commission, though not present, are principals, and are to be tried and punished as such. By this section any person knowingly selling poison for the purpose of killing land fur-bearing animals is a participator in the crime and is likewise punishable. \* \* \* The Criminal Code of Alaska, section 2043, provides that if any person shall sell or deliver any arsenic, corrosive sublimate, prussic acid, or other poison, without having the word "poison" and the true name thereof in English written or printed upon a label attached to the vial, box, or parcel containing the same, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars.

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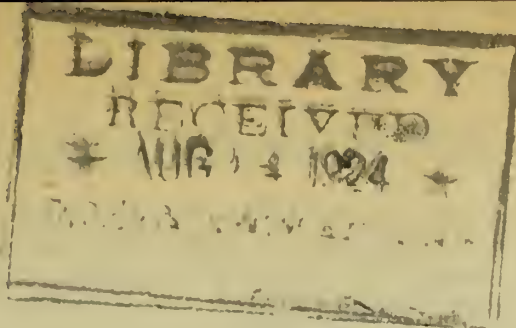
#### Penalties for Unlawful Shipment and Transportation

(Criminal Code—Act of March 4, 1909. 35 Stat., 1137)

SEC. 242. It shall be unlawful for any person to deliver to any common carrier for transportation, or for any common carrier to transport from any State, Territory, or District of the United States, to any other State, Territory, or District thereof, any foreign animals or birds, the importation of which is prohibited, or the dead bodies or parts thereof of any wild animals or birds, where such animals or birds have been killed or shipped in violation of the laws of the State, Territory, or District in which the same were killed, or from which they were shipped: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall prevent the transportation of any dead birds or animals killed during the season when the same may be lawfully captured, and the export of which is not prohibited by law in the State, Territory, or District in which the same are captured or killed: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall prevent the importation, transportation, or sale of birds or bird plumage manufactured from the feathers of barnyard fowls. \* \* \*

SEC. 244. For each evasion or violation of any provision of the three last sections preceding the shipper shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars; the consignee knowingly receiving such articles so shipped and transported in violation of said sections shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars; and the carrier knowingly carrying or transporting the same in violation of said sections shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars.





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## United States Department of Agriculture

### SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

#### LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO GAME IN ALASKA<sup>1</sup>

Public Resolution No. 34, 68th Congress (Senate Joint Resolution 127), approved June 7, 1924, conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture, effective July 1, 1924, the powers and duties theretofore conferred upon the Governor of Alaska with respect to the protection of wild game animals and wild birds by the act of May 11, 1908 (35 Stat. 102; compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, sections 330-337), entitled "An act for the protection of game in Alaska and for other purposes."

In view of the foregoing, all references to the Governor of Alaska in the following laws and regulations, which will remain in force for the present, should be interpreted to refer to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Administration of the law will be by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Chief, Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. Information relating to Alaska game will be furnished by the Biological Survey or by the Chief Alaska Game Warden, Juneau, Alaska.

#### TEXT OF THE ALASKA GAME LAW

[35 Stat. 102; Comp. Laws of Alaska, 1913, secs. 330-337]

AN ACT To amend an act entitled "An act for the protection of game in Alaska and for other purposes," approved June seventh, nineteen hundred and two

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an act entitled "An act for the protection of game in Alaska, and for other purposes," approved June seventh, nineteen hundred and two, be amended to read as follows:

From and after the passage of this act the wanton destruction of wild game animals or wild birds, except eagles, ravens, and cormorants, the destruction of

<sup>1</sup>The regulations on Alaska game recently promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture are not repeated here, but will be found in Service and Regulatory Announcement, B. S. 59. "Regulations for the Protection of Game in Certain Localities in Alaska," and the text of the treaty, act, and regulations affecting migratory game birds in Alaska will be found in Service and Regulatory Announcement, B. S. 55, "Migratory Bird Treaty, Act, and Regulations."

Additional copies of this publication and of the two referred to in this footnote may be obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., or from the Chief Alaska Game Warden, Juneau, Alaska.



nests and eggs of such birds, or the killing of any wild birds other than game birds, except eagles, for the purpose of selling the same or the skins or any part thereof, except as hereinafter provided, is hereby prohibited.

*Game defined.*—The term "game animals" shall include deer, moose, caribou, mountain sheep, mountain goats, brown bear, sea lions, and walrus. The term "game birds" shall include waterfowl, commonly known as ducks, geese, brant, and swans; shorebirds commonly known as plover, snipe, and curlew, and the several specimens of grouse and ptarmigan.

*Exemptions.*—Nothing in this act shall affect any law now in force in Alaska relating to the fur seal, sea otter, or any fur-bearing animal, or prevent the killing of any game animal or bird for food or clothing at any time by natives, or by miners or explorers, when in need of food; but the game animals or birds so killed during close season shall not be shipped or sold.

SEC. 2. *Season.*—That it shall be unlawful for any person in Alaska to kill any wild game animals or birds, except during the season hereinafter provided: North of latitude sixty-two degrees, brown bear may be killed at any time; moose, caribou, sheep, walrus, and sea lions from August first to December tenth, both inclusive; south of latitude sixty-two degrees, moose, caribou, and mountain sheep from August twentieth to December thirty-first, both inclusive; brown bear from October first to July first, both inclusive; deer and mountain goats from April first to February first, both inclusive; grouse, ptarmigan, shorebirds and waterfowl<sup>2</sup> from September first to March first, both inclusive: *Provided*, That no caribou shall be killed on the Kenai Peninsula before August twentieth, nineteen hundred and twelve: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, whenever he shall deem it necessary for the preservation of game animals or birds, to make and publish rules and regulations prohibiting the sale of any game in any locality, modifying the close seasons hereinbefore established, providing different close seasons for different parts of Alaska, placing further restrictions and limitations on the killing of such animals or birds in any given locality, or prohibiting killing entirely for a period not exceeding two years in such locality.

SEC. 3. *Number.*—That it shall be unlawful for any person to kill any female or yearling moose or for any one person to kill in any one year more than the number specified of each of the following animals: Two moose, one walrus or sea lion, three caribou, three mountain sheep, three brown bear, or to kill or have in his possession in any one day more than twenty-five grouse or ptarmigan or twenty-five shorebirds or waterfowl.

*Guns and boats.*—That it shall be unlawful for any person at any time to hunt with dogs any of the game animals specified in this act; to use a shotgun larger than number ten gauge, or any gun other than that which can be fired from the shoulder; or to use steam launches or any boats other than those propelled by oars or paddles in the pursuit of game animals or birds.

SEC. 4. *Sale.*—That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons at any time to sell or offer for sale any hides, skins, or heads of any game animals or game birds in Alaska, or to sell, offer for sale, or purchase, or offer to purchase, any game animals or game birds or parts thereof, during the time when the killing of such animals or birds is prohibited; *Provided*, That it shall be lawful for dealers having in possession game animals or game birds legally killed during the open season to dispose of the same within fifteen days after the close of said season.

SEC. 5. *Licenses.*—That it shall be unlawful for any nonresident of Alaska to hunt any of the game animals protected by this act, except deer and goats, without first obtaining a hunting license, or to hunt on the Kenai Peninsula without a registered guide, and such license shall not be transferable and shall be valid only during the calendar year in which issued. Each applicant shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars for such license, unless he be a citizen of the United States, in which case he shall pay a fee of fifty dollars. Each license shall be accompanied by coupons authorizing the shipment of two moose if killed north of latitude sixty-two degrees, four deer, three caribou, three mountain sheep, three goats, and three brown bear, or any part of said animals, but no more of any one kind.

A resident of Alaska desiring to export heads or trophies of any of the game animals mentioned in this act shall first obtain a shipping license, for which he shall pay a fee of \$40, permitting the shipment of heads or trophies of one

<sup>2</sup> Amended by Migratory Bird Treaty, Act, and Regulations, see footnote No. 1, page 1.



moose, if killed north of latitude sixty-two degrees, four deer, two caribou, two sheep, two goats and two brown bear, but no more of any one kind; or a shipping license, for which he shall pay a fee of \$10, permitting the shipment of a single head or trophy of caribou or sheep; or a shipping license, for which he shall pay a fee of \$5, permitting the shipment of a single head or trophy of any goat, deer, or brown bear. Any person wishing to ship moose killed south of latitude sixty-two degrees must first obtain a special shipping license for which he shall pay a fee of \$150, permitting the shipment of one moose, or any part thereof. Not more than one general license and two special moose licenses shall be issued to any one person in one year: *Provided*, That before any trophy shall be shipped from Alaska under the provisions of this act the person desiring to make such shipment shall first make and file with the customs office at the port where such shipment is to be made an affidavit to the effect that he has not violated any of the provisions of this act; that the trophy which he desires to ship has not been brought or purchased and has not been sold and is not being shipped for the purpose of being sold, and that he is the owner of the trophy which he desires to ship, and if the trophy is that of moose, whether the animal from which it was taken was killed north or south of latitude sixty-two degrees: *Provided further*, That any resident of Alaska prior to September first nineteen hundred and eight, may without permit or license ship any head or trophy of any of the game animals herein mentioned upon filing an affidavit with the customs office at the port where such shipment is to be made that the animal from which said head or trophy was taken was killed prior to the passage of this act. Any affidavit required by the provisions of this act may be subscribed and sworn to before any customs officer or before any officer competent to administer an oath.

The Governor of Alaska is hereby authorized to issue licenses for hunting and shipping big game. On issuing a license he shall require the applicant to state whether the heads or trophies to be obtained or shipped under said license will pass through the ports of entry at Seattle, Washington, Portland, Oregon, or San Francisco, California, and he shall forthwith notify the collector of customs at the proper port of entry as to the name of the holder of the license and the name and address of the consignee. All proceeds from licenses, except \$1 from each fee, which shall be retained by the clerk issuing the license to cover the cost of printing and issue, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts; the amount necessary for the enforcement of this act shall be estimated for annually by the Agricultural Department and appropriated for, including the employment and salaries to be paid to game wardens herein authorized. And the Governor shall annually make a detailed and itemized report to the Secretary of Agriculture, in which he shall state the number and kind of licenses issued, the money received, which report shall also include a full statement of all trophies exported and all animals and birds exported for any purpose.

And the Governor of Alaska is further authorized to employ game wardens, to make regulations for the registration and employment of guides, and fix the rates for licensing guides and rates of compensation for guiding. Every person applying for a guide license shall, at the time of making such application, make and file with the person issuing such license an affidavit to the effect that he will obey all the conditions of this act and of the regulations thereunder, that he will not violate any of the game laws or regulations of Alaska, and that he will report all violations of such laws and regulations that come to his knowledge. Any American citizen or native of Alaska, of good character, upon compliance with the requirements of this act, shall be entitled to a guide license. Any guide who shall fail or refuse to report any violation of this act, or who shall himself violate any of the provisions of this act, shall have his license revoked, and in addition shall be liable to the penalty provided in section seven of this act, and shall be ineligible to act as guide for a period of five years from the date of conviction.

SEC. 6. It shall be unlawful for any persons, firm, or corporation, or their officers or agents, to deliver to any common carrier, or for the owner, agent, or master of any vessel, or for any other person to receive for shipment or have in possession with intent to ship out of Alaska, any wild birds, except eagles, or parts thereof, or any heads, hides, or carcasses of brown bear, caribou, deer, moose, mountain sheep, or mountain goats, or parts thereof, unless said heads, hides, or carcasses are accompanied by the required license or coupon and by a copy of the affidavit required by section five of this act: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the collection



of specimens for scientific purposes, the capture or shipment of live animals and birds for exhibition or propagation, or the export from Alaska of specimens under permit from the Secretary of Agriculture, and under such restrictions and limitations as he may prescribe and publish.

It shall be the duty of the collector of customs at Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco to keep strict account of all consignments of game animals received from Alaska, and no consignment of game shall be entered until due notice thereof has been received from the Governor of Alaska or the Secretary of Agriculture, and found to agree with the name and address on the shipment. In case consignments arrive without licenses they shall be detained for sixty days, and if a license be not then produced said consignment shall be forfeited to the United States and shall be delivered by the collector of customs to the United States marshal of the district for such disposition as the court may direct.

SEC. 7. *Penalties.*—That any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall forfeit to the United States all game or birds in his possession, and all guns, traps, nets, or boats used in killing or capturing said game or birds, and shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars or imprisonment not more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. Any person making any false or untrue statements in any affidavit required by this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall forfeit to the United States all trophies in his possession, and shall be punished by a fine in any sum not more than two hundred dollars or imprisonment not more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

*Enforcement.*—It is hereby made the duty of all marshals and deputy marshals, collectors or deputy collectors of customs, all officers of revenue cutters, and all game wardens to assist in the enforcement of this act. Any marshal, deputy marshal, or warden in or out of Alaska may arrest without warrant any person found violating any of the provisions of this act or any of the regulations herein provided, and may seize any game, birds, or hides, and any traps, nets, guns, boats, or other paraphernalia used in the capture of such game or birds and found in the possession of said person in or out of Alaska, and any collector or deputy collector of customs, or warden, or licensed guide, or any person authorized in writing by a marshal shall have the power above provided to arrest persons found violating this act or said regulations and seize said property without warrant to keep and deliver the same to a marshal or a deputy marshal. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury upon request of the Governor or Secretary of Agriculture, to aid in carrying out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 8. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved May 11, 1908.

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#### AMENDMENTS

[36 Stat. 1360.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful to kill grouse, ptarmigan, shorebirds, and waterfowl from September first to March first, both inclusive, anywhere in the Territory of Alaska.

Approved March 4, 1911.

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[Public Res. No. 34, 68th Congress]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, on and after July 1, 1924, the powers and duties heretofore conferred upon the Governor of Alaska by existing law for the protection of wild game animals and wild birds in Alaska are hereby conferred upon and shall be exercised by the Secretary of Agriculture; and all money available or appropriated in any act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, for carrying into effect the act approved May 11, 1908, entitled "An act for the protection of game in Alaska and for other purposes," including salaries,



traveling expenses of game wardens, and all other necessary expenses, is hereby transferred to the credit of the Department of Agriculture to be expended by the Secretary of Agriculture for such purposes.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

## TERRITORIAL LEGISLATION

### DESTRUCTION OF GAME

[Chap. 62, Act of April 29, 1915.]

SEC. 1. From and after the passage of this act, any person killing a deer or other wild food animal within the Territory of Alaska, with intent to wantonly destroy said animal and without making every effort to have such animal utilized for food, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall have knowledge of any violation of this act and who shall fail to report the same to the authorities, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding three months.

## REGULATIONS

### LICENSED GUIDES AND PACKERS

Under the provisions of the Alaska game law the following rules and regulations have been issued by the Governor of Alaska, governing the appointment, compensation and conduct of licensed guides:

1. Licensed guides shall be of two classes, (1) white citizens of the United States, and (2) men of mixed blood leading a civilized life—Indians, Eskimos, or Aleuts—all herein referred to as natives. Guides of both classes will be appointed for the term of two years, unless their licenses are sooner revoked; and no person will be appointed a licensed guide unless he states his intention of devoting the principal part of his time during the hunting season to the business of guiding hunting parties in the game regions of the Kenai Peninsula or the territory drained by the White or Chitina river.

2. Each licensed guide of the first class shall pay a license fee of \$20 for the period for which his commission is issued or remains in effect. Each guide of the second class shall pay a license fee of \$7.50 for the period for which his commission is issued or remains in effect.

3. The compensation which each guide of the first and second classes may charge for his services during the hunting season shall be at the rate of not more than \$12.50 per day during the time he is employed: *Provided*, Any guide may, in his discretion and with the full consent of the hunting party, enter into special arrangements whereby he shall charge for his services the above-named per diem rates for a minimum period of 30 days for a hunting trip.

4. No licensed guide shall shoot or kill any moose or other game animal while engaged in conducting a hunting party.

5. An official badge is furnished to each licensed guide, who shall surrender the badge to the nearest game warden whenever his term of service shall be terminated for any cause.

6. Licensed guides, while appointed by the Governor and held generally responsible to him, will be held accountable to the game wardens for their conduct while actually employed as such guides, and packers will be held responsible to the game wardens for their conduct while actually employed as such packers.

7. Packers shall be appointed by the game wardens, who shall keep a register of their names and report such registration to the Governor. The compensation of packers shall not exceed \$6 per day for the period during which they are employed.

8. It shall be the duty of every guide and packer to report to the nearest game warden, or any other officer charged with the enforcement of the game law, at the earliest possible moment any and all infractions of the law or the



regulations thereunder which may have come within his observation or knowledge.

9. Whenever a guide is employed by any person or party, such guide shall, at the expiration of the period of time for which he is employed, make a written statement to the nearest game warden in the district, stating the number of days he was employed, the number of persons guided, their names, residence, and the number of each kind of game killed; and if nonresidents, the number of their licenses.

10. Applications for licenses should be addressed to the Governor of Alaska and be forwarded through the nearest warden, who will transmit it to the office of the Governor of Alaska with his approval or disapproval.

#### SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMITS

[Effective October 1, 1908]

1. *Permits.*—Hereafter the Department of Agriculture will not issue permits for the shipment of trophies, including heads or hides of game animals, since the new law requires that such trophies be shipped under regular hunting or shipping licenses issued by the Governor of Alaska. Persons desiring to collect specimens of mammals, birds, nests, or eggs in Alaska for scientific purposes must satisfy the Department that the specimens are intended for such purposes before permits will be issued, and must forward with the permit to the collector of customs at Seattle, Portland, or San Francisco a list showing the number of each kind of game collected under said permit before the specimens will be released from the customhouse. If several shipments are made under one permit, the permit should accompany the first consignment and a list of the game contained in each shipment mailed to the collector of customs at the time of such shipment. Permits will be issued only to regular representatives of public museums or, under exceptional circumstances, to persons who are known to be making special investigations.

Persons desiring to ship live animals or birds should obtain permits sufficiently in advance of shipment to avoid any delay when the consignments reach the customhouse.

Applicants should be careful to state in each case the region where specimens are to be collected and the probable port and date of shipment. All permits will expire on December 31 of the year of issue, but consignments actually shipped before such expiration may be admitted upon arrival at Seattle, Portland, or San Francisco.

2. *Specimens for scientific purposes.*—Packages containing specimens for scientific purposes offered for shipment must be marked "Specimens for scientific purposes," or words to like effect, and must bear the shipper's name and address. Inattention to these details will render packages subject to examination and detention by officers of the customs. Packages of specimens addressed to the United States Department of Agriculture, the Smithsonian Institution, or the United States National Museum, if properly marked, may be shipped without permit and without examination. Packages addressed to individuals, whether officers of executive departments or not, must be accompanied by permit.

3. *Live animals and birds.*—Live animals or birds for exhibition or propagation may be captured in a close season under permit only, and shipments must be accompanied by permits except as stated in regulation 4. Consignments offered for shipment without permit will not be refused transportation, but may be forwarded to Seattle, Portland, or San Francisco and held there at owner's risk and expense until permits are obtained.

4. *Parks excepted.*—Live animals (not exceeding 10 in one consignment) and live birds (not exceeding 25 in one consignment) may be shipped without permit to the following public zoological parks, if shipped directly to said parks and not to some agent:

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

Lincoln Park, Chicago.

Menagerie of Central Park, New York City.

National Zoological Park, Washington.

New York Zoological Society, New York City.

Zoological Society, Philadelphia.

Consignments for these parks which exceed the above-mentioned limits must be accompanied by regular permits in all cases.

5. *Reserved rights of department.*—The department expressly reserves the right to examine at Seattle, Portland, or San Francisco any or all specimens, live game animals, or game birds from Alaska, whether shipped as personal baggage or otherwise; to detain, if necessary, at said ports any consignment of game animals or birds or any part thereof not forwarded in conformity with these regulations, and to require the return of the same either to original port of shipment or their delivery to the United States marshal for disposition in accordance with the provisions of sections 6 and 7 of the act. Owners and masters of vessels will accept all consignments subject to these conditions. In case of return, all expenses of reshipment will be paid by the vessel transporting the goods from Alaska; and the master of said vessel must file at Seattle, Portland, or San Francisco a customs receipt for all goods returned to Alaska.

6. *Examination of shipments.*—Specimens or live animals and birds arriving at Seattle or San Francisco, not covered by permits or shipped contrary to these regulations, will be held for examination by officers of the customs, promptly reported, and released only upon instructions from the Treasury Department; provided that all goods not released within 60 days after arrival shall be returned to the port of shipment (at the expense of the vessel bringing the same) for disposition in accordance with the provisions of sections 6 and 7 of the act.

All previous regulations and all special rulings of the department in conflict with these regulations are hereby revoked.

### SYNOPSIS OF HUNTING SEASONS, ETC.

<b>Open seasons and bag limits:</b>	Dates inclusive	Bag limit
Bull moose only <sup>3</sup> { south of latitude 62°-----	Sept. 1-Dec. 31	1
north of latitude 62°-----	Aug. 20-Dec. 31	2
Deer (males only), in southeastern Alaska east of longitude 141° <sup>3</sup> -----	Sept. 16-Dec. 15	3
Caribou (except fawns), south of Arctic Circle----	Aug. 20-Dec. 31	3
Mountain sheep (rams only, south of Arctic Circle <sup>3</sup> --	Aug. 20-Dec. 31	3
Mountain goats (except kids), south of Arctic Circle <sup>3</sup> -----	Aug. 20-Dec. 31	3
Brown bear north of latitude 62°-----	No close season	3
south of latitude 62°-----	Oct. 1-July 1	
<b>Game birds:</b>		
Grouse and ptarmigan-----	Sept. 1-Mar.	1
Duck, goose, brant, Wilson snipe or jacksnipe, black bellied and golden plovers, and yellowlegs-----	Sept. 1-Dec. 15	

No open season on—

Game animals and game birds on Kruzof and Partofshikof Islands.

All game animals in the Taku River Drainage.

*Moose*.—Females, yearlings, and calves.

*Mountain goats*.—Kids, on Baranof and Chichagof Islands and on Kenai Peninsula east of longitude 150°.

*Mountain sheep*.—Females and young; and on the Kenai Peninsula east of longitude 150°.

*Deer*.—West of longitude  $141^{\circ}$ ; females and young, south of Arctic Circle.

*Caribou*.—Fawns, south of Arctic Circle.

*Birds*.—Except game birds, eagles, ravens, and cormorants.

**Restrictions on daily season and use of certain devices:**

Unlawful to hunt migratory birds from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, or with a gun larger than No. 10 gauge, or from an airplane, powerboat, sailboat, any boat under sail, or any floating device towed by powerboat or sailboat.

**Bag limits and possession:**

Unlawful to kill or have in possession more than 25 grouse or ptarmigan in one day; or to kill more than 25 ducks, 8 geese, or 8 brant, or have more than

<sup>3</sup> See S. R. A., B. S. No. 50.

<sup>4</sup> See S. R. A., B. S. No. 59, Regulation No. 3.



25 in all combined in possession in one day; or to kill more than 15 in the aggregate of black-bellied and golden plovers and yellowlegs, or more than 25 Wilson snipe; or have more than 25 shorebirds in the aggregate of all kinds in possession in one day; or to kill more than 25 in the aggregate of coots and gallinules in one day. Ducks, geese, brant, coot, gallinules, and shorebirds taken in the Territory may be possessed only during the open season and the first 10 days of the close season, but such migratory game birds taken outside of the Territory and legally exported may be possessed in the Territory during the open season where taken and first 10 days of close season. Other game legally taken may be possessed for noncommercial purposes at any time.

**Hunting licenses:**

Nonresident, United States citizen, \$50.

Nonresident, alien, \$100.

Nonresident prohibited from hunting on Kenai Peninsula and in territory drained by White and Chitina Rivers, without licensed guides.

No licenses required for hunting deer or goats.

**Shipping licenses:**

Resident of Alaska \$40, permitting export of 1 moose taken north of latitude 62°, 4 deer, 2 caribou, 2 sheep, 2 goats and 2 brown bear.

Single trophy of caribou or sheep, \$10.

Single trophy of deer, goat, or brown bear, \$5.

Special license for shipping one moose killed south of latitude 62°, \$150.

Not more than one general (resident \$40 license) and two special moose (\$150) licenses issued to one person in one year.

Every person exporting game or trophies must file with the customs office at port of shipment an affidavit that he has not violated the game laws, that the trophy to be shipped has not been bought or purchased, has not been sold, and is not shipped for purpose of sale; that he is the owner of the trophy, and, in case of moose, whether the animal from which it was taken was killed north or south of latitude 62°.

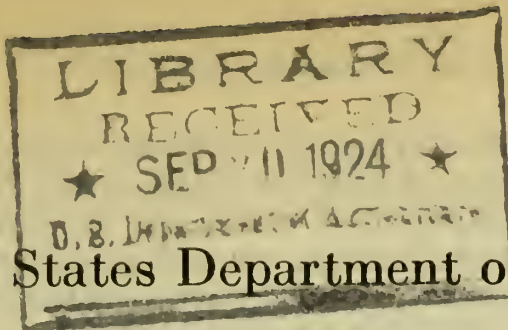
Permits for the collection and shipment of specimens for scientific purposes and the shipment of live animals and birds for exhibition or propagation are issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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**SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY**

**TEXT OF LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA  
RELATING TO GAME AND BIRDS**

The full text of the laws and regulations which follow was formerly published in the annual bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture on the game laws. Summarized information concerning open seasons on game, licenses, bag limits, possession, sale, interstate transportation, and provisions relating to imported game and game raised in captivity is published in Farmers' Bulletin No. 1444, "Game Laws for the Season 1924-25: A Summary of the Provisions of Federal, State, and Provincial Statutes."

**CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT  
BRITAIN FOR THE PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN THE  
UNITED STATES AND CANADA<sup>1</sup>**

[39 Stat. 1702]

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

Whereas a convention between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the protection of migratory birds in the United States and Canada was concluded and signed by their respective plenipotentiaries at Washington on the 16th day of August, 1916, the original of which convention is word for word as follows:

Whereas, many species of birds in the course of their annual migrations traverse certain parts of the United States and the Dominion of Canada; and

<sup>1</sup> Signed at Washington Aug. 16, 1916; ratification advised by the Senate Aug. 29, ratified by the President Sept. 1, and by Great Britain Oct. 20; ratifications exchanged Dec. 7; proclaimed Dec. 8, 1916. Constitutionality of the treaty and act of July 3, 1918, sustained by the United States Supreme Court in a decision rendered Apr. 19, 1920, in the case of the State of Missouri *v.* Ray P. Holland (252 U. S. 416); see also *U. S. v. Lumpkin* (276 Fed. 580).

Canada, by an act of Parliament approved Aug. 29, 1917, gave full effect to this convention and promulgated regulations thereunder May 11, 1918. The validity of the act of the Dominion Parliament was upheld by the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island in a decision (Michaelmas term, 1920) rendered in the case of *The King v. Russell C. Clark*.



Whereas, many of these species are of great value as a source of food or in destroying insects which are injurious to forests and forage plants on the public domain, as well as to agricultural crops, in both the United States and Canada, but are nevertheless in danger of extermination through lack of adequate protection during the nesting season or while on their way to and from their breeding grounds;

The United States of America and His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, being desirous of saving from indiscriminate slaughter and of insuring the preservation of such migratory birds as are either useful to man or harmless, have resolved to adopt some uniform system of protection which shall effectively accomplish such objects and to the end of concluding a convention for this purpose have appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America, Robert Lansing, Secretary of State of the United States; and

His Britannic Majesty, the Right Hon. Sir Cecil Arthur Spring Rice, G. C. V. O., K. C. M. G., etc., His Majesty's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary at Washington;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, which were found to be in due and proper form, have agreed to and adopted the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I

The high contracting powers declare that the migratory birds included in the terms of this convention shall be as follows:

1. Migratory game birds:

- (a) Anatidae or waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese, and swans.
- (b) Gruidae or cranes, including little brown, sandhill, and whooping cranes.
- (c) Rallidae or rails, including coots, gallinules and sora and other rails.
- (d) Limicolae or shorebirds, including avocets, curlew, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes, plovers, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellowlegs.
- (e) Columbidae or pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons.

2. Migratory insectivorous birds: Bobolinks, catbirds, chickadees, cuckoos, flickers, flycatchers, grosbeaks, humming birds, kinglets, martins, meadowlarks, nighthawks or bull bats, nut-hatches, orioles, robins, shrikes, swallows, swifts, tanagers, titmice, thrushes, vireos, warblers, wax-wings, whippoorwills, woodpeckers, and wrens, and all other perching birds which feed entirely or chiefly on insects.

3. Other migratory nongame birds: Auks, auklets, bitterns, fulmars, gannets, grebes, guillemots, gulls, herons, jaegers, loons, murres, petrels, puffins, shearwaters, and terns.

#### ARTICLE II

The high contracting powers agree that, as an effective means of preserving migratory birds there shall be established the following close seasons during which no hunting shall be done except for scientific or propagating purposes under permits issued by proper authorities.

1. The close season on migratory game birds shall be between March 10 and September 1, except that the close season on the Limicolae or shorebirds in the Maritime Provinces of Canada and in those States of the United States bordering on the Atlantic Ocean which are situated wholly or in part north of Chesapeake Bay shall be between February 1 and August 15, and that Indians may take at any time scoters for food but not for sale. The season for hunting shall be further restricted to such period not exceeding three and one-half months



as the high contracting powers may severally deem appropriate and define by law or regulation.

2. The close season on migratory insectivorous birds shall continue throughout the year.

3. The close season on other migratory nongame birds shall continue throughout the year, except that Eskimos and Indians may take at any season auks, auklets, guillemots, murre, and puffins, and their eggs, for food and their skins for clothing, but the birds and eggs so taken shall not be sold or offered for sale.

#### ARTICLE III

The high contracting powers agree that during the period of 10 years next following the going into effect of this convention there shall be a continuous close season on the following migratory game birds, to wit:

Band-tailed pigeons, little brown, sandhill, and whooping cranes, swans, curlew, and all shorebirds (except the black-breasted and golden plover, Wilson or jack snipe, woodcock, and the greater and lesser yellowlegs); provided that during such 10 years the close seasons on cranes, swans, and curlew in the Province of British Columbia shall be made by the proper authorities of that Province within the general dates and limitations elsewhere prescribed in this convention for the respective groups to which these birds belong.

#### ARTICLE IV

The high contracting powers agree that special protection shall be given the wood duck and the eider duck either (1) by a close season extending over a period of at least 5 years, or (2) by the establishment of refuges, or (3) by such other regulations as may be deemed appropriate.

#### ARTICLE V

The taking of nests or eggs of migratory game or insectivorous or nongame birds shall be prohibited, except for scientific or propagating purposes under such laws or regulations as the high contracting powers may severally deem appropriate.

#### ARTICLE VI

The high contracting powers agree that the shipment or export of migratory birds or their eggs from any State or Province, during the continuance of the close season in such State or Province, shall be prohibited except for scientific or propagating purposes, and the international traffic in any birds or eggs at such time captured, killed, taken, or shipped at any time contrary to the laws of the State or Province in which the same were captured, killed, taken, or shipped shall be likewise prohibited. Every package containing migratory birds or any parts thereof or any eggs of migratory birds transported, or offered for transportation from the United States into the Dominion of Canada or from the Dominion of Canada into the United States, shall have the name and address of the shipper and an accurate statement of the contents clearly marked on the outside of such package.

#### ARTICLE VII

Permits to kill any of the above-named birds which under extraordinary conditions may become seriously injurious to the agricultural or other interests in any particular community, may be issued by the proper authorities of the high contracting powers under suitable regulations prescribed therefor by them, respectively, but such permits shall lapse or may be canceled at any time when, in the opinion of said authorities, the particular exigency has passed, and no birds killed under this article shall be shipped, sold, or offered for sale.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The high contracting powers agree themselves to take, or propose to their respective appropriate law-making bodies, the necessary measures for insuring the execution of the present convention.

## ARTICLE IX

The present convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by His Britannic Majesty. The ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible and the convention shall take effect on the date of the exchange of the ratifications. It shall remain in force for 15 years and in the event of neither of the high contracting powers having given notification 12 months before the expiration of said period of 15 years of its intention of terminating its operation, the convention shall continue to remain in force for 1 year and so on from year to year.

In faith whereof, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present convention in duplicate and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Done at Washington this 16th day of August, 1916.

[SEAL.]

ROBERT LANSING.

[SEAL.]

CECIL SPRING RICE.

And whereas the said convention has been duly ratified on both parts, and the ratifications of the two Governments were exchanged in the city of Washington on the 7th day of December, 1916:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States of America, have caused the said convention to be made public, to the end that the same and every article and clause thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States and the citizens thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 8th day of December in the year of our Lord 1916, and of the independence of the United States of America the 141st.

[SEAL.]

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING,

*Secretary of State.*

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### MIGRATORY-BIRD TREATY ACT

[Approved July 3, 1918. 40 Stat. 755]

An act to give effect to the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded at Washington, August 16, 1916, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this act shall be known by the short title of the "Migratory Bird Treaty Act."

SEC. 2. That unless and except as permitted by regulations made as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to hunt, take, capture, kill, attempt to take, capture or kill, possess, offer for sale, sell, offer to purchase, purchase, deliver for shipment, ship, cause to be shipped, deliver for transportation, transport, cause to be transported, carry or cause to be carried by any means whatever, receive for shipment, transportation or carriage, or export, at any time or in any manner, any migratory bird, included in the terms of the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916, or any part, nest, or egg of any such bird.

SEC. 3. That subject to the provisions and in order to carry out the purposes of the convention, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed, from



time to time, having due regard to the zones of temperature and to the distribution, abundance, economic value, breeding habits, and times and lines of migratory flight of such birds, to determine when, to what extent, if at all, and by what means, it is compatible with the terms of the convention to allow hunting, taking, capture, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage, or export of any such bird, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, and to adopt suitable regulations permitting and governing the same, in accordance with such determinations, which regulations shall become effective when approved by the President.

SEC. 4. That it shall be unlawful to ship, transport, or carry, by any means whatever, from one State, Territory, or District to or through another State, Territory, or District, or to or through a foreign country, any bird, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, or carried at any time contrary to the laws of the State, Territory, or District in which it was captured, killed, or taken, or from which it was shipped, transported, or carried. It shall be unlawful to import any bird, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, or carried contrary to the laws of any Province of the Dominion of Canada in which the same was captured, killed, or taken, or from which it was shipped, transported, or carried.

SEC. 5. That any employee of the Department of Agriculture authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture to enforce the provisions of this act shall have power, without warrant, to arrest any person committing a violation of this act in his presence or view and to take such person immediately for examination or trial before an officer or court of competent jurisdiction; shall have power to execute any warrant or other process issued by an officer or court of competent jurisdiction for the enforcement of the provisions of this act; and shall have authority, with a search warrant, to search any place. The several judges of the courts established under the laws of the United States, and United States commissioners may, within their respective jurisdictions, upon proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, issue warrants in all such cases. All birds, or parts, nests, or eggs thereof, captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, carried, or possessed contrary to the provisions of this act or of any regulations made pursuant thereto shall, when found, be seized by any such employee, or by any marshal or deputy marshal, and, upon conviction of the offender or upon judgment of a court of the United States that the same were captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, carried, or possessed contrary to the provisions of this act or of any regulation made pursuant thereto, shall be forfeited to the United States and disposed of as directed by the court having jurisdiction.

SEC. 6. That any person, association, partnership, or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of said convention or of this act, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any regulation made pursuant to this act, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500 or be imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

SEC. 7. That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the several States and Territories from making or enforcing laws or regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of said convention or of this act, or from making or enforcing laws or regulations which shall give further protection to migratory birds, their nests, and eggs, if such laws or regulations do not extend the open seasons for such birds beyond the dates approved by the President in accordance with section three of this act.

SEC. 8. That until the adoption and approval, pursuant to section 3 of this act, of regulations dealing with migratory birds and their nests and eggs, such migratory birds and their nests and eggs as are intended and used exclusively for scientific or propagating purposes may be taken, captured, killed, possessed, sold, purchased, shipped, and transported for such scientific or propagating purposes if and to the extent not in conflict with the laws of the State, Territory, or District in which they are taken, captured, killed, possessed, sold, or purchased, or in or from which they are shipped or transported if the packages containing the dead bodies or the nests or eggs of such birds when shipped and transported shall be marked on the outside thereof so as accurately and clearly to show the name and address of the shipper and the contents of the package.

SEC. 9. That the unexpended balances of any sums appropriated by the agricultural appropriation acts for the fiscal years 1917 and 1918, for enforcing the provisions of the act approved March 4, 1913, relating to the protection of migratory game and insectivorous birds, are hereby reappropriated and made



available until expended for the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of this act and regulations made pursuant thereto, including the payment of such rent, and the employment of such persons and means, as the Secretary of Agriculture may deem necessary, in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, cooperation with local authorities in the protection of migratory birds, and necessary investigations connected therewith: *Provided*, That no person who is subject to the draft for service in the Army or Navy shall be exempted or excused from such service by reason of his employment under this act.

SEC. 10. That if any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this act shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SEC. 11. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 12. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the breeding of migratory game birds on farms and preserves and the sale of birds so bred under proper regulation for the purpose of increasing the food supply.

SEC. 13. That this act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

## MIGRATORY-BIRD TREATY-ACT REGULATIONS

[As approved and promulgated by the President, July 31, 1918, and amended October 25, 1918, July 28, 1919, July 9, 1920, March 3, 1921, May 17, 1921, March 8, 1922, April 10, 1923, June 11, 1923, April 11, 1924, and July 2, 1924.]

### REGULATION 1.—DEFINITIONS OF MIGRATORY BIRDS

Migratory birds, included in the terms of the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds, concluded August 16, 1916, are as follows:

1. *Migratory game birds:*

- (a) Anatidæ, or waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese, and swans.
- (b) Gruidæ, or cranes, including little brown, sandhill, and whooping cranes.
- (c) Rallidæ, or rails, including coot, gallinules, and sora and other rails.
- (d) Limicolæ, or shorebirds, including avocets, curlews, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes, plovers, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock, and yellowlegs.
- (e) Columbidae, or pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons.

2. *Migratory insectivorous birds:* Cuckoos; flickers and other woodpeckers; nighthawks or bull-bats and whip-poor-wills; swifts; hummingbirds; flycatchers; bobolinks, meadowlarks, and orioles; grosbeaks; tanagers; martins and other swallows; waxwings; shrikes; vireos; warblers; pipits; catbirds and brown thrashers; wrens; brown creepers; nuthatches; chickadees and titmice; kinglets and gnat catchers; robins and other thrushes; and all other perching birds which feed entirely or chiefly on insects.

3. *Other migratory nongame birds:* Auks, auklets, bitterns, fulmars, gannets, grebes, guillemots, gulls, herons, jaegers, loons, murre, petrels, puffins, shearwaters, and terns.

[As amended July 9, 1920.]

### REGULATION 2.—DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

For the purposes of these regulations the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean—

*Secretary.*—The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States.

*Person.*—The plural or the singular, as the case demands, including individuals, associations, partnerships, and corporations, unless the context otherwise requires.

*Take.*—The pursuit, hunting, capture, or killing of migratory birds in the manner and by the means specifically permitted.

*Open season.*—The time during which migratory birds may be taken.

*Transport.*—Shipping, transporting, carrying, exporting, receiving or delivering for shipment, transportation, carriage, or export.



**REGULATION 3.—MEANS BY WHICH MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS MAY BE TAKEN**

The migratory game birds specified in regulation 4 hereof may be taken during the open season with a gun only, not larger than No. 10 gauge, fired from the shoulder, except as specifically permitted by regulations 7, 8, 9, and 10 hereof; they may be taken during the open season from the land and water, with the aid of a dog, the use of decoys, and from a blind or floating device (other than an airplane, powerboat, sailboat, any boat under sail, or any floating device towed by powerboat or sailboat).

[As amended July 28, 1919, March 3, 1921, and May 17, 1921.]

**REGULATION 4.—OPEN SEASONS ON AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

For the purpose of this regulation, each period of time herein prescribed as an open season shall be construed to include the first and last days thereof.

Waterfowl (except wood duck, eider ducks, and swans), rails, coot, gallinules, black-bellied and golden plovers, greater and lesser yellowlegs, woodcock, Wilson snipe or jacksnipe, and mourning doves may be taken each day from half an hour before sunrise to sunset during the open seasons prescribed therefor in this regulation, by the means and in the numbers permitted by regulations 3 and 5 hereof, respectively, and when so taken may be possessed any day in any State, Territory, or District during the period constituting the open season where killed and for an additional period of 10 days next succeeding said open season, but no such birds shall be possessed in a State, Territory, or District at a time when such State, Territory, or District prohibits the possession thereof.

*Waterfowl (except wood duck, eider ducks, and swans), coot, gallinules, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe.*—The open seasons for waterfowl (except wood duck, eider ducks, and swans), coot, gallinules, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe shall be as follows:

In Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, and that portion of Oregon and Washington lying east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains the open season shall be from September 16 to December 31;

In New York (except Long Island) the open season shall be from September 24 to January 7;

In Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, that portion of Texas lying west and north of the main tracks of the International & Great Northern Railroad extending from Laredo to San Antonio, Austin, and Longview, and the Texas & Pacific Railroad extending from Longview to Marshall and Texarkana, New Mexico, Utah, California, and that portion of Oregon and Washington lying west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains the open season shall be from October 1 to January 15;

In that portion of New York known as Long Island, and in New Jersey, Delaware, and Arizona the open season shall be from October 16 to January 31;

In Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and that portion of Texas lying east and south of the main tracks of the International & Great Northern Railroad extending from Laredo to San Antonio, Austin, and Longview, and the Texas & Pacific Railroad extending from Longview to Marshall and Texarkana the open season shall be from November 1 to January 31; and

In Alaska the open season shall be from September 1 to December 15.

*Rails (except coot and gallinules).*—The open season for sora and other rails (except coot and gallinules) shall be from September 1 to November 30, except as follows:

In Louisiana the open season shall be from November 1 to January 31.

*Black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs.*—The open seasons for black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs shall be as follows:

In Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia the open season shall be from August 16 to November 30;

In the District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Alaska the open season shall be from September 1 to December 15;



In Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, and that portion of Oregon and Washington lying east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains the open season shall be from September 16 to December 31;

In Utah and in that portion of Oregon and Washington lying west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains the open season shall be from October 1 to January 15; and

In Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana the open season shall be from November 1 to January 31.

*Woodcock*.—The open seasons for woodcock shall be as follows:

In Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas the open season shall be from October 1 to November 30; and

In Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma the open season shall be from November 1 to December 31.

*Doves*.—The open seasons for mourning doves shall be as follows:

In Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, that portion of Texas lying west and north of the main tracks of the International and Great Northern railroad extending from Laredo to San Antonio, Austin, and Longview, and the Texas and Pacific railroad extending from Longview to Marshall and Texarkana, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, California, Nevada, Idaho, and Oregon the open season shall be from September 1 to December 15;

In Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi the open season shall be from October 16 to January 31;

In that portion of Texas lying east and south of the main tracks of the International and Great Northern railroad extending from Laredo to San Antonio, Austin, and Longview, and the Texas and Pacific railroad extending from Longview to Marshall and Texarkana the open season shall be from November 1 to December 31; and

In South Carolina and Louisiana the open season shall be from November 1 to January 31.

[As amended October 25, 1918, July 28, 1919, July 9, 1920, May 17, 1921, March 8, 1922, June 11, 1923, April 11, 1924, and July 2, 1924.]

#### REGULATION 5.—BAG LIMITS ON CERTAIN MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

A person may take in any one day during the open seasons prescribed therefor in regulation 4 not to exceed the following numbers of migratory game birds, which numbers shall include all birds taken by any other person who for hire accompanies or assists him in taking migratory birds:

*Ducks (except wood duck and eider ducks)*.—Twenty-five in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Geese*.—Eight in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Brant*.—Eight.

*Rails, coot, and gallinules (except sora)*.—Twenty-five in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Sora*.—Fifty.

*Black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs*.—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Wilson snipe, or jacksnipe*.—Twenty-five.

*Woodcock*.—Six.

*Doves (mourning)*.—Twenty-five.

[As amended October 25, 1918, July 28, 1919, and March 3, 1921.]

#### REGULATION 6.—SHIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION, AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Waterfowl (except wood duck, eider ducks, and swans), rails, coot, gallinules, black-bellied and golden plovers, greater and lesser yellowlegs, woodcock, Wilson snipe or jacksnipe, and mourning doves and parts thereof legally taken may be transported in or out of the State where taken during the respective open



seasons in that State, and may be imported from Canada during the open season in the Province where taken, in any manner, but not more than the number thereof that may be taken in two days by one person under these regulations shall be transported by one person in one calendar week out of the State where taken; any such migratory game birds or parts thereof in transit during the open season may continue in transit such additional time immediately succeeding such open season, not to exceed 5 days, necessary to deliver the same to their destination, and may be possessed in any State, Territory, or District during the period constituting the open season where killed, and for an additional period of 10 days next succeeding said open season; and any package in which migratory game birds or parts thereof are transported shall have the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof; but no such birds shall be transported from any State, Territory, or District to or through another State, Territory, or District, or to or through a Province of the Dominion of Canada contrary to the laws of the State, Territory, or District, or Province of the Dominion of Canada in which they were taken or from which they are transported; nor shall any such birds be transported into any State, Territory, or District from another State, Territory, or District, or from any State, Territory, or District into any Province of the Dominion of Canada at a time when such State, Territory, or District, or Province of the Dominion of Canada prohibits the possession or transportation thereof.

[As amended October 25, 1918, and July 9, 1920.]

**REGULATION 7.—TAKING OF CERTAIN MIGRATORY NONGAME BIRDS BY ESKIMOS AND INDIANS IN ALASKA**

In Alaska Eskimos and Indians may take for the use of themselves and their immediate families, in any manner and at any time, and possess and transport auks, auklets, guillemots, murres, and puffins and their eggs for food, and their skins for clothing.

**REGULATION 8.—PERMITS TO PROPAGATE AND SELL MIGRATORY WATERFOWL**

1. A person may take in any manner and at any time migratory waterfowl and their eggs for propagating purposes when authorized by a permit issued by the Secretary. Waterfowl and their eggs so taken may be possessed by the permittee and may be sold and transported by him for propagating purposes to any person holding a permit issued by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

2. A person authorized by a permit issued by the Secretary may possess, buy, sell, and transport migratory waterfowl and their increase and eggs in any manner and at any time for propagating purposes; and migratory waterfowl, except the birds taken under paragraph 1 of this regulation, so possessed may be killed by him at any time, in any manner, except that they may be killed by shooting only during the open season for waterfowl in the State where killed, and the carcasses, with heads and feet attached thereto, of the birds so killed may be sold and transported by him in any manner and at any time to any person for actual consumption, or to the keeper of a hotel, restaurant, or boarding house, retail dealer in meat or game, or a club, for sale or service to their patrons, who may possess such carcasses for actual consumption without a permit, but no migratory waterfowl killed by shooting shall be bought or sold unless each bird before attaining the age of four weeks shall have had removed from the web of one foot a portion thereof in the form of a V large enough to make a permanent, well-defined mark, which shall be sufficient to identify it as a bird raised in domestication under a permit.

3. Any package in which such waterfowl or parts thereof or their eggs are transported shall have plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof the name and address of the permittee, the number of his permit, the name and address of the consignee, and an accurate statement of the number and kinds of birds or eggs contained therein.

4. Applications for permits must be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and must contain the following information: Name and address of applicant; place where the business is to be carried on; number of acres of land used in the business and whether owned or leased by the appli-



cant; number of each species of waterfowl in possession of applicant; names of species and number of birds or eggs of each species if permission is asked to take waterfowl or their eggs; and the particular locality where it is desired to take such waterfowl or eggs.

5. A person granted a permit under this regulation shall keep books and records which shall correctly set forth the total number of each species of waterfowl and their eggs possessed on the date of application for the permit and on the 1st day of each January next following; also for each calendar year during the life of the permit the total number of each species reared and killed, number of each species and their eggs sold and transported, manner in which such waterfowl and eggs were transported, name and address of each person from or to whom waterfowl and eggs were purchased or sold, together with number and species and whether sold alive or dead; and the date of each transaction. A report setting forth this information shall be annually furnished the Secretary during the month of January for the preceding calendar year.

6. A permittee shall at all reasonable hours allow any authorized employee of the United States Department of Agriculture to enter and inspect the premises where operations are being carried on under this regulation and to inspect the books and records of such permittee relating thereto.

7. A permit issued under this regulation shall be valid until revoked by the Secretary unless otherwise specified therein, shall not be transferable, and may be revoked by the Secretary, if the permittee violates any of the provisions of the migratory bird treaty act or of the regulations thereunder. A permit duly revoked by the Secretary shall be surrendered to him by the person to whom it was issued, on demand of any employee of the United States Department of Agriculture duly authorized to enforce the provisions of the migratory bird treaty act.

8. A person may possess and transport for his own use, without a permit, live migratory waterfowl now lawfully possessed or hereafter lawfully acquired by him, but he may not purchase or sell such waterfowl without a permit. A State or municipal game farm or city park may possess, purchase, sell, and transport live migratory waterfowl without a permit, but no such waterfowl shall be purchased from or sold to a person (other than such State or municipal game farm or city park) unless he has a permit. The feathers of wild ducks and wild geese lawfully killed and feathers of such birds seized and condemned by Federal or State game authorities may be possessed, bought, sold, and transported, for use in making fishing flies, bed pillows, and mattresses, and for similar commercial purposes, but not for millinery or ornamental purposes.

[As amended October 25, 1918, July 9, 1920, April 10, 1923, and June 11, 1923.]

#### REGULATION 9.—PERMITS TO COLLECT MIGRATORY BIRDS FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

A person may take in any manner and at any time migratory birds and their nests and eggs for scientific purposes when authorized by a permit issued by the Secretary, which permit shall be carried on his person when he is collecting specimens thereunder and shall be exhibited to any person requesting to see the same.

Application for a permit must be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and must contain the following information: Name and address of applicant, his age, and name of State, Territory, or District in which specimens are proposed to be taken, and the purpose for which they are intended. Each application shall be accompanied by certificates from two well-known ornithologists that the applicant is a fit person to be intrusted with a permit.

The permit may limit the number and species of birds, birds' nests or eggs that may be collected thereunder, and may authorize the holder thereof to possess, buy, sell, exchange, and transport in any manner and at any time migratory birds, parts thereof, and their nests and eggs for scientific purposes; or it may limit the holder to one or more of these privileges. Public museums, zoological parks and societies, and public scientific and educational institutions may possess, buy, sell, exchange, and transport in any manner and at any time migratory birds and parts thereof and their nests and eggs for scientific purposes without a permit, but no specimens shall be taken without a permit. The plumage and skins of migratory game birds legally taken may be possessed and transported by a person without a permit.



A taxidermist, when authorized by a permit issued by the Secretary, may possess, buy, sell, exchange, and transport in any manner and at any time migratory birds and parts thereof legally taken, or he may be limited to one or more of these privileges.

Each permit shall be valid until revoked by the Secretary unless otherwise specified therein, shall not be transferable, and shall be revocable at the discretion of the Secretary. A permit duly revoked by the Secretary shall be surrendered to him by the person to whom it was issued, on demand of any employee of the United States Department of Agriculture duly authorized to enforce the provisions of the migratory bird treaty act. A person holding a permit shall report annually to the Secretary on or before the 10th day of January during the life of the permit the number of skins, nests, or eggs of each species collected, bought, sold, exchanged, or transported during the preceding calendar year.

Every package in which migratory birds or their nests or eggs are transported shall have clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof the name and address of the sender, the number of the permit in every case when a permit is required, the name and address of the consignee, a statement that it contains specimens of birds, their nests, or eggs for scientific purposes, and, whenever such a package is transported or offered for transportation from the Dominion of Canada into the United States or from the United States into the Dominion of Canada, an accurate statement of the contents.

[As amended October 25, 1918, March 3, 1921, and June 11, 1923.]

#### **REGULATION 10.—PERMITS TO KILL MIGRATORY BIRDS INJURIOUS TO PROPERTY**

When information is furnished the Secretary that any species of migratory bird has become, under extraordinary conditions, seriously injurious to agriculture or other interests in any particular community, an investigation will be made to determine the nature and extent of the injury, whether the birds alleged to be doing the damage should be killed, and, if so, during what times and by what means. Upon his determination an appropriate order will be made.

#### **REGULATION 11.—STATE LAWS FOR THE PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS**

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to permit the taking, possession, sale, purchase, or transportation of migratory birds, their nests, and eggs contrary to the laws and regulations of any State, or Territory, or District made for the purpose of giving further protection to migratory birds, their nests, and eggs when such laws and regulations are not inconsistent with the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916, or the migratory bird treaty act and do not extend the open seasons for such birds beyond the dates prescribed by these regulations.

[Added by proclamation of October 25, 1918, as amended July 9, 1920.]

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### **ORDER**

#### **PERMITTING THE KILLING OF BOBOLINKS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS REEDBIRDS OR RICE BIRDS, WHICH HAVE BECOME SERIOUSLY INJURIOUS TO AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS**

[Issued January 17, 1919]

Information having been furnished the Secretary of Agriculture that bobolinks, commonly known as reedbirds or rice birds, have become seriously injurious to the rice crops of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and an investigation having been duly and regularly made pursuant to law, and it having been determined by the Secretary of Agriculture that said birds have become, under extraordinary conditions, seriously injurious to the rice crops in said States and that the injuries so inflicted by them can not adequately be controlled in the communities immediately affected, and that they should therefore be killed in the manner, during the seasons, and in the States and District hereinafter provided,



Now, therefore, I, D. F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to authority in me vested by the migratory bird treaty act of July 3, 1918, and in conformity with regulation 10 of the migratory bird treaty act regulations approved and proclaimed July 31, 1918, do order that until further notice persons may kill by shooting, bobolinks, commonly known as reedbirds or rice birds, from half an hour before sunrise to sunset, from September 1 to October 30, inclusive, in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland and the District of Columbia, and from August 16 to November 15, inclusive, in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, but the birds so killed shall not be sold, offered for sale, or shipped for purposes of sale, or be wantonly wasted or destroyed, but they may be used for food purposes by the persons killing them, and they may be transported to hospitals and charitable institutions for use as food.

D. F. HOUSTON, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

### LACEY ACT, REGULATING INTERSTATE COMMERCE IN GAME

Federal laws affecting the shipment of game comprise statutes regulating interstate commerce in game and the importation of birds and mammals from foreign countries, as follows:

#### CRIMINAL CODE—ACT OF MARCH 4, 1909

[35 Stat. 1137]

SEC. 241. The importation into the United States, or any Territory or District thereof, of the mongoose, the so-called "flying foxes," or fruit bats, the English sparrow, the starling, and such other birds and animals as the Secretary of Agriculture may from time to time declare to be injurious to the interests of agriculture or horticulture, is hereby prohibited; and all such birds and animals shall, upon arrival at any port of the United States, be destroyed or returned at the expense of the owner. No person shall import into the United States or into any Territory or District thereof any foreign wild animal or bird, except under special permit from the Secretary of Agriculture: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall restrict the importation of natural-history specimens for museums or scientific collections, or of certain cage birds, such as domesticated canaries, parrots, or such other birds as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this section.

SEC. 242. It shall be unlawful for any person to deliver to any common carrier for transportation, or for any common carrier to transport from any State, Territory, or District of the United States to any other State, Territory, or District thereof, any foreign animals or birds the importation of which is prohibited, or the dead bodies or parts thereof of any wild animals or birds,<sup>2</sup> where such animals or birds have been killed or shipped in violation of the laws of the State, Territory, or District in which the same were killed, or from which they were shipped: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall prevent the transportation of any dead birds or animals killed during the season when the same may be lawfully captured, and the export of which is not prohibited by law in the State, Territory, or District in which the same are captured or killed: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall prevent the importation, transportation, or sale of birds or bird plumage manufactured from the feathers of barnyard fowls.

SEC. 243. All packages containing the dead bodies, or the plumage, or parts thereof, of game animals, or game or other wild birds, when shipped in interstate or foreign commerce, shall be plainly and clearly marked, so that the name and address of the shipper and the nature of the contents may be readily ascertained on an inspection of the outside of such package.

SEC. 244. For each evasion or violation of any provision of the three sections last preceding, the shipper shall be fined not more than \$200; the consignee knowingly receiving such articles so shipped and transported in violation of

<sup>2</sup> See sec. 4 of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, p. 5, which supersedes this part of the Lacey Act relative to the interstate transportation of wild birds.



said sections shall be fined not more than \$200; and the carrier knowingly carrying or transporting the same in violation of said sections shall be fined not more than \$200.

**SECTIONS 1 AND 5—ACT OF MAY 25, 1900<sup>3</sup>**

[31 Stat. 187-188]

That the duties and powers of the Department of Agriculture are hereby enlarged so as to include the preservation, distribution, introduction, and restoration of game birds and other wild birds. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act and to purchase such game birds and other wild birds as may be required therefor, subject, however, to the laws of the various States and Territories. The object and purpose of this act is to aid in the restoration of such birds in those parts of the United States adapted thereto where the same have become scarce or extinct, and also to regulate the introduction of American or foreign birds or animals in localities where they have not heretofore existed.

The Secretary of Agriculture shall from time to time collect and publish useful information as to the propagation, uses, and preservation of such birds. And the Secretary of Agriculture shall make and publish all needful rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of this act, and shall expend for said purposes such sums as Congress may appropriate therefor.

SEC. 5. That all dead bodies, or parts thereof, of any foreign game animals, or game or song birds, the importation of which is prohibited, or the dead bodies, or parts thereof, of any wild game animals, or game or song birds transported into any State or Territory, or remaining therein for use, consumption, sale, or storage therein, shall upon arrival in such State or Territory be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such State or Territory enacted in the exercise of its police powers, to the same extent and in the same manner as though such animals or birds had been produced in such State or Territory, and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced therein in original packages or otherwise. This act shall not prevent the importation, transportation, or sale of birds or bird plumage manufactured from the feathers of barnyard fowl.

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**LAW PROTECTING WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS AND THEIR EGGS  
ON FEDERAL REFUGES**

**ACT OF MARCH 4, 1909, AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 1924**

[Public—No. 87—68th Congress]

SEC. 84. Whoever shall hunt, trap, capture, willfully disturb, or kill any bird or wild animal of any kind whatever, or take or destroy the eggs of any such bird on any lands of the United States which have been set apart or reserved as refuges or breeding grounds for such birds or animals by any law, proclamation, or Executive order, except under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may, from time to time, prescribe, or who shall willfully injure, molest, or destroy any property of the United States on any such lands shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

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**HUNTING ON NATIONAL FORESTS**

Regulation T-7, effective October 1, 1919, of the Regulations of the Forest Service Relative to National Forests, provides as follows:

The following acts are prohibited on lands of the United States within national forests:

The going or being upon any such land, or in or on the waters thereof, with intent to hunt, catch, trap, willfully disturb, or kill any kind of game animal,

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<sup>3</sup> Secs. 2, 3, and 4 superseded by secs. 241-244 of the Criminal Code, act of Mar. 4, 1909 (35 Stat. 1137).



game or nongame bird, or fish, or to take the eggs of any such bird, in violation of the laws of the State in which such land or waters are situated.

Regulation G-30 authorizes all forest officers to enforce the above regulation and also to cooperate with State or Territorial officials in the enforcement of local laws for the protection of birds, fish, and game.

## PROVISIONS OF TARIFF ACT REGULATING IMPORTATION OF PLUMAGE, GAME, ETC.

ACT OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1922

[42 Stat. 915]

PAR. 1419. Feathers and downs, on the skin or otherwise, crude or not dressed, colored, or otherwise advanced or manufactured in any manner, not specially provided for, 20 per centum ad valorem; dressed, colored, or otherwise advanced or manufactured in any manner, including quilts of down and other manufactures of down; artificial or ornamental feathers suitable for use as millinery ornaments, artificial or ornamental fruits, vegetables, grains, leaves, flowers, and stems or parts thereof, of whatever material composed, not specially provided for, 60 per centum ad valorem; natural leaves, plants, shrubs, herbs, trees, and parts thereof, chemically treated, colored, dyed or painted, not specially provided for, 60 per centum ad valorem; boas, boutonnieres, wreaths, and all articles not specially provided for, composed wholly or in chief value of any of the feathers, flowers, leaves, or other material herein mentioned, 60 per centum ad valorem: *Provided*, That the importation of birds of paradise, aigrettes, egret plumes or so-called osprey plumes, and the feathers, quills, heads, wings, tails, skins, or parts of skins, of wild birds, either raw or manufactured, and not for scientific or educational purposes, is hereby prohibited; but this provision shall not apply to the feathers or plumes of ostriches or to the feathers or plumes of domestic fowls of any kind: *Provided further*, That birds of paradise, and the feathers, quills, heads, wings, tails, skins, or parts thereof, and all aigrettes, egret plumes, or so-called osprey plumes, and the feathers, quills, heads, wings, tails, skins, or parts of skins, of wild birds, either raw or manufactured, of like kind to those the importation of which is prohibited by the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, which may be found in the United States, on and after the passage of this act, except as to such plumage or parts of birds in actual use for personal adornment, and except such plumage, birds, or parts thereof imported therein for scientific or educational purposes, shall be presumed for the purpose of seizure to have been imported unlawfully after October 3, 1913, and the collector of customs shall seize the same unless the possessor thereof shall establish, to the satisfaction of the collector, that the same were imported into the United States prior to October 3, 1913, or as to such plumage or parts of birds that they were plucked or derived in the United States from birds lawfully therein; and in case of seizure by the collector, he shall proceed as in case of forfeiture for violation of the custom laws, and the same shall be forfeited, unless the claimant shall, in any legal proceeding to enforce such forfeiture, other than a criminal prosecution, overcome the presumption of illegal importation and establish that the birds or article seized, of like kind to those mentioned the importation of which is prohibited as above, were imported into the United States prior to October 3, 1913, or were plucked in the United States from birds lawfully therein.

That whenever birds or plumage, the importation of which is prohibited by the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, are forfeited to the Government, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to place the same with the departments or bureaus of the Federal or State Governments or societies or museums for exhibition or scientific or educational purposes, but not for sale or personal use; and in the event of such birds or plumage not being required or desired by either Federal or State Government or for educational purposes, they shall be destroyed.

That nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal the provisions of the act of March 4, 1913, chapter 145 (37 Statutes at Large, page 847), or the act of July 3, 1918 (40 Statutes at Large, page 755), or any other law of the United



States, now of force, intended for the protection or preservation of birds within the United States. That if on investigation by the collector before seizure, or before trial for forfeiture, or if at such trial if such seizure has been made, it shall be made to appear to the collector, or the prosecuting officer of the Government, as the case may be, that no illegal importation of such feathers has been made, but that the possession, acquisition, or purchase of such feathers is or has been made in violation of the provisions of the act of March 4, 1913, chapter 145 (37 Statutes at Large, page 847), or the act of July 3, 1918 (40 Statutes at Large, page 755), or any other law of the United States, now of force, intended for the protection or preservation of birds within the United States, it shall be the duty of the collector, or such prosecuting officer, as the case may be, to report the facts to the proper officials of the United States, or State or Territory charged with the duty of enforcing such laws.

Import duties and provisions are as follows:

PAR. 704. A duty of 4 cents per pound is imposed on reindeer meat, venison, and other game (except birds).

PAR. 711. The duty on live birds (except poultry) is 50 cents each on those valued at \$5 or less, and 20 per cent ad valorem on those valued at more than \$5.

PAR. 712. Dressed or undressed birds (except poultry) are dutiable at 8 cents per pound, but if prepared or preserved in any manner the duty is 35 per cent ad valorem. (Paragraph 1419 prohibits the importation of the plumage of wild birds, so that undressed game birds may only be brought in under a bond for the destruction of their plumage.)

PAR. 715. Live wild animals, 15 per cent ad valorem.

PAR. 1420. Silver or black fox skins, dressed or undressed, and manufactures thereof, 50 per cent ad valorem; other furs dressed on the skin, not advanced further than dyeing, 25 per cent ad valorem.

PAR. 1569. The eggs of birds are prohibited from entry, except that eggs of game birds may be imported free under regulations of Secretary of Agriculture for propagating purposes; specimens may also be imported free for scientific collections.

PAR. 1579. Raw furs and fur skins (except silver or black fox skins), undressed, are admitted free.

PAR. 1668. Natural history specimens (including wild birds and mammals) may be imported free for scientific public collections, but not for sale.

### CANADIAN REGULATIONS UNDER MIGRATORY-BIRDS CONVENTION ACT

[Promulgated May 11, 1918; amended May 11, 1920; August 31, 1921; September 1, 1922; August 13 and 25, 1923; and July 26, 1924]

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) "Migratory game birds" means the following:
    - Anatidæ or waterfowl, including brant, wild duck, geese, and swans;
    - Gruidæ or cranes, including little brown, sandhill, and whooping cranes;
    - Rallidæ or rails, including coots, gallinules, and sora, and other rails;
    - Limicolæ or shorebirds, including avocets, curlew, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster-catchers, phalaropes, plovers, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surfbirds, turnstones, willet, woodcock, and yellowlegs;
    - Columbidæ or pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons.
  - (b) "Migratory insectivorous birds" means the following:
    - Bobolinks, catbirds, chickadees, cuckoos, flickers, fly-catchers, grosbeaks, humming-birds, kinglets, martins, meadowlarks, nighthawks or bull bats, nuthatches, orioles, robins, shrikes, swallows, swifts, tanagers, titmice, thrushes, vireos, warblers, waxwings, whippoorwills, woodpeckers, and wrens, and all other perching birds which feed entirely or chiefly on insects;
  - (c) "Migratory nongame birds" means the following:
    - Auks, auklets, bitterns, fulmars, gannets, grebes, guillemots, gulls, herons, jaegers, loons, murres, petrels, puffins, shearwaters, and terns.



2. *Close seasons.*—No person shall kill, hunt, capture, injure, take, molest, sell, or offer for sale any migratory game birds except during the following periods in the various Provinces:

*Ducks, geese, brant, or rails:*

In Prince Edward Island, Northwest Territories, and Yukon Territory: September 1 to December 14, both dates inclusive.

In Quebec: September 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

In Ontario: September 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

In Manitoba: September 15 to November 30, except that in that portion of the Province lying to the north of the 53d parallel of latitude the open season on ducks shall be from September 1 to November 30, both dates inclusive.

In Alberta: September 15 to December 14, both dates inclusive.

In Saskatchewan and New Brunswick, except the islands in the Grand Manan group in the Province of New Brunswick: September 15 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

In the islands in the Grand Manan group, in the Province of New Brunswick: October 15 to January 31, both dates inclusive.

In British Columbia (northern and eastern districts): September 15 to December 30, both dates inclusive.

In that portion of the western district to the north of the 53d parallel of latitude: From the first Saturday next following September 7 in any year to a date 3 months and 15 days later, both dates inclusive.

*Ducks and rails:*

In British Columbia (in that portion of the western district to the south of the 53d parallel of latitude): October 15 to January 29, both dates inclusive.

In Nova Scotia, except Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties: September 15 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

In Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties, in the Province of Nova Scotia: October 15 to January 31, both dates inclusive.

*Geese and brant:*

In British Columbia (in that portion of the western district to the south of the 53d parallel of latitude): From the first Saturday next following November 7 in any year to a date 3 months and 15 days later, both dates inclusive.

In Nova Scotia, except Shelburne and Queens Counties: September 15 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

In Shelburne and Queens Counties, in the Province of Nova Scotia, to persons holding a license from the minister: November 1 to February 14, both dates inclusive.

*Shorebirds or waders, including only the following: Woodcock, Wilson or jack snipe, black-bellied and golden plovers, and the greater and lesser yellow-legs:*

In Prince Edward Island: August 15 to November 30, both dates inclusive, except that on woodcock and Wilson or jack snipe the open season shall be from September 15 to November 30, both dates inclusive.

In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick: August 15 to November 30, both dates inclusive, except that on woodcock and Wilson or jack snipe the open season shall be from October 1 to November 30, both dates inclusive.

In Quebec: September 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

In Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory: September 1 to December 14, both dates inclusive.

In Ontario: September 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive, except that on woodcock the open season shall be from September 15 to November 30, both dates inclusive.

In Saskatchewan: September 15 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

In Alberta: September 15 to December 14, both dates inclusive.

In British Columbia (northern and eastern districts): September 15 to December 30, both dates inclusive.

In that portion of the western district to the north of the 53d parallel of latitude: From the first Saturday next following September 7 in any year to a date 3 months and 15 days later, both dates inclusive.



In that portion of the western district to the south of the 53d parallel of latitude: October 1 to January 15, both dates inclusive.

*Provided, however,* that Indians and Eskimos may take scoters or "Siwash ducks" for food at any time of the year, but scoters so taken shall not be sold.

*Shorebirds or waders, including only Wilson or jack snipe:*

In Manitoba: September 15 to November 30, both dates inclusive.

For the purpose of this or any other regulation, the Province of British Columbia shall be divided into three districts, to be known as the northern, eastern, and western districts.

Northern district shall mean and include the electoral district of Atlin and all that portion of the Province situated and lying to the north of the line of the Canadian National Railway between the Yellowhead Pass and Prince Rupert and to the east of the summit of the Cascade Range.

Eastern district shall mean and include all that portion of the Province situated and lying to the east of the summit of the Cascade Range and south of the line of the Canadian National Railway between the Yellowhead Pass and Prince Rupert.

Western district shall mean and include all that portion of the Province situated and lying to the west of the summit of the Cascade Range and south of the electoral district of Atlin.

3. The killing, hunting, capturing, taking, injuring, or molesting of migratory insectivorous birds, their eggs, or nests, is prohibited throughout the year, except as hereinafter provided.

4. The killing, hunting, taking, injuring, capturing, or molesting of migratory nongame birds, or their eggs or nests, except as herein or hereinafter provided, is prohibited throughout the year; provided, however, that the Indians and Eskimos may take at any season auks, auklets, guillemots, murre, and puffins and their eggs for human food and their skins for clothing, but birds and eggs taken in virtue of this exemption shall not be sold or offered for sale or otherwise traded.

5. A close season shall continue until the 1st day of January, 1928, on the following migratory game birds: Band-tailed pigeons, little brown, sandhill, and whooping cranes, swans, curlew, and all shore birds (except the black-bellied and golden plover, Wilson or jack snipe, woodcock, and the greater and lesser yellowlegs).

6. A close season shall continue on wood duck and eider duck until the 31st day of January, 1925, except that in the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories and that part of the Province of Ontario lying north of the Quebec, Cochrane, Winnipeg line of the Canadian National Railway eider duck<sup>4</sup> may be taken in the open season allowed under section 2 of these regulations.

7. The taking of the nests or eggs of migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds is prohibited, except as otherwise provided in these regulations.

8. *Sale of migratory game birds.*—Notwithstanding any provision of section 2 of these regulations, in the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia no person shall sell, expose for sale, offer for sale, buy, trade, or traffic in any migratory game bird killed or taken during the open season hereunder.

9. *Bag limits.*—No person shall kill during any day, or during any season, migratory game birds in the various Provinces in excess of the numbers set forth as follows:

In Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Northwest Territories, and Yukon Territory in any day (except that in Ontario no person shall kill in any one season in excess of 200 ducks).

*Ducks.*—Twenty-five in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Geese.*—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Brant.*—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Rails, coots, and gallinules.*—Twenty-five in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs.*—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Wilson snipe or jacksnipe.*—Twenty-five.

*Woodcock.*—Ten.

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<sup>4</sup> NOTE.—In the Maritime Provinces eider ducks are commonly called "sea ducks."



In Manitoba in any day:

*Ducks*.—Twenty before October 1 and 40 thereafter in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Geese*.—Ten in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Brant*.—Fifteen.

*Rails and coots*.—Twenty-five in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs*.—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Wilson snipe or jacksnipe*.—Twenty-five.

And in Manitoba in any open season in excess of 200 ducks.

In Alberta in any day:

*Ducks*.—Thirty in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Geese*.—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Brant*.—Fifteen.

*Rails and coots*.—Twenty-five in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs*.—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Wilson snipe or jacksnipe*.—Twenty-five.

And in Alberta in any open season in excess of 200 ducks.

In Saskatchewan in any day:

*Ducks, geese, and brant*.—Thirty in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Rails and coots*.—Twenty-five in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs*.—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Wilson snipe or jacksnipe*.—Twenty-five.

And in Saskatchewan in any open season in excess of 200 birds of the family Anatidæ, including ducks, geese, and brant.

In British Columbia in any day:

*Ducks*.—Twenty in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Geese*.—Ten in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Brant*.—Ten.

*Rails and coots*.—Twenty-five in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs*.—Fifteen in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Wilson snipe or jacksnipe*.—Twenty-five.

And in British Columbia in any open season in excess of 150 ducks;

And in British Columbia in any open season in excess of 50 geese;

And in British Columbia in any open season in excess of 50 brant;

And in British Columbia in any open season in excess of 150 Wilson snipe;

And in British Columbia in any open season in excess of 150 black-bellied and golden plover in the aggregate;

And in British Columbia in any open season in excess of 150 greater and lesser yellowlegs in the aggregate.

10. *Shooting restrictions*.—(a) No person shall take, attempt to take, kill, or attempt to kill any migratory game birds during the open seasons provided hereunder except with a gun not larger than number 10 gauge.

(b) In British Columbia no person shall kill or attempt to kill any migratory game birds during the open seasons provided hereunder with a pump or repeating shotgun, unless the magazine has been permanently plugged or altered so that it can not carry more than one cartridge.

(c) No person shall kill or attempt to kill any migratory game birds by the use of any automatic, swivel, or machine gun or battery, or by the use of any aeroplane, power boat, or sailboat, or by the use of night lights.

(d) No person shall kill or attempt to kill any migratory game bird during the night, which for the purpose of these regulations is described as being from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, but in the Province of Ontario no person shall kill, or attempt to kill, any migratory game birds between sunset and sunrise.

The possession of night lights and firearms by any person during the night in places frequented by migratory game birds shall be considered *prima facie* evidence of night shooting.

(e) No person shall kill or attempt to kill from any motor vehicle or horse-drawn vehicle any migratory game bird.



(f) No person shall kill or attempt to kill any migratory game birds in the vicinity of Tabusintac Lagoon, in the Province of New Brunswick, by the use of "sink boxes" between the hours of 1 p. m. and one hour before sunrise.

11. *Scientific permits*.—Migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds or parts thereof or their eggs or nests may be taken, bought, sold, shipped, transported, or possessed for scientific purposes, but only on the issue of a permit by the minister or by any person duly authorized by him.

Such permits may, upon application, be granted to recognized museums, or scientific societies, and to any person furnishing written testimonials from two well-known ornithologists.

A return of specimens taken under such a permit shall be made to the minister upon the expiration of the permit.

12. *Propagation of migratory birds*.—(a) Migratory game, migratory insectivorous or migratory nongame birds, or their eggs, protected under regulations made pursuant to the migratory birds convention act, may be taken at any time and in any manner for propagating purposes only on the issue of a permit by the minister or by any person duly authorized by him. Migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds, or their eggs so taken, may be possessed by the permittee and may be sold and transported by him to any person holding a permit for propagating purposes issued by the minister or by any person duly authorized by him.

(b) A person authorized by a permit issued for propagating purposes under this regulation may possess, buy, sell, or transport migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds, or their increase or eggs, for propagating purposes. Such migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds, except the birds taken under paragraph (a) of this regulation, may be killed by him in any manner except by shooting. The unplucked carcasses or the plucked carcasses with heads attached thereto of such birds may be sold and transported by the permittee to any person for consumption, or to the keeper of a hotel, restaurant, or boarding house, or to a dealer in meat or game, or to a club for sale or service to their patrons, all of whom may possess such carcasses for actual consumption without a permit.

(c) A person granted a permit under this regulation shall keep books and records which shall correctly set forth at all times the total number of each species of migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds or their eggs, taken or in his possession. A written report shall be furnished the minister during the month of January next following the issuance of the permit. This report shall state the total number of each species reared and killed, the number of each species, or their eggs, sold and transported, the manner in which such species or eggs were transported, the name and address of each person from or to whom such species or eggs were purchased or sold, together with number and species and whether sold alive or dead, and the date of such transaction.

(d) Applications for permits to take such birds for propagating purposes shall be accompanied by a statement showing—

- (1) The full name and post-office address of the applicant.
- (2) The species of birds or eggs that it is desired to take.
- (3) The number.
- (4) The place at which the birds or eggs are to be taken.

Applications for permits to possess, buy, sell, or transport such birds for propagating purposes shall be accompanied by a statement showing—

- (1) The full name and post-office address of the applicant.
- (2) The species and number of birds that it is desired to possess.
- (3) The area and location of the land to be used in the business and whether owned or leased by the applicant.

(e) The minister may require an applicant to furnish a bond in support of his application for a permit for propagating purposes.

(f) A permittee shall at all reasonable hours allow any game officer to enter and inspect the premises where operations are being carried on under these regulations and to inspect the books and records of such permittee relating thereto.



(g) No person holding a permit for propagating purposes shall sell migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds, raised and killed in captivity, unless the same shall bear a metal tag. This tag shall be of a type approved by the minister and shall contain the name or initials of the holder of the permit. It shall not be removed from the carcass.

13. *Termination of permits.*—All permits and licenses shall terminate at the end of the calendar year in which they shall have been issued. They shall not be transferable and shall be revocable at the discretion of the minister.

14. *Taxidermists.*—No person shall engage in the business of a taxidermist without having first secured from the minister a license so to do. The fee for this license shall be \$1.

No taxidermist shall receive, prepare for exhibition purposes, or possess, any migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame bird, or any portion thereof, unless such bird has been legally killed, either in the open season for such birds or by the holder of a permit for taking birds for scientific purposes.

Every licensed taxidermist shall annually make such returns as the minister may require.

Every licensed taxidermist shall keep books and records which correctly set forth the name of each migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame bird received, the date and locality of capture, the date received, and the name and address of the owner of such bird. These books and records are to be open to inspection by any game officer at any reasonable time.

15. *Labeling packages for shipment.*—Any package in which migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds or parts thereof, or their eggs or nests are shipped or transported for scientific or propagating purposes shall be clearly marked on the outside with the number of the permit, the name and address of the shipper, and an accurate statement of the contents.

No transportation company shall accept for transportation any package containing migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds, or their nests or eggs or parts thereof, unless such packages shall be marked as hereinbefore required, and shipment of the same through the mails is prohibited unless marked as aforesaid.

16. The shipment or export of migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds, or their nests or eggs from any Province during the close season in such Provinces is prohibited, except for scientific or propagating purposes; and traffic between Canada and the United States in any such birds, or their eggs, captured, killed, taken, or shipped at any time contrary to the laws of the Province or State in which the same are captured, killed, taken, or shipped is likewise prohibited.

17. No person shall ship or offer for shipment from Canada to the United States any package containing migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds or any parts thereof or their eggs unless such package shall have the name and address of the shipper and an accurate statement of the contents clearly marked on the outside of such package.

No transportation company shall accept for transportation to the United States any packages of migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds, or any parts thereof or their eggs, unless such packages bear the name and address of the shipper and an accurate statement of the contents; and shipment of the same through the mails is prohibited unless marked as aforesaid.

18. If any of the migratory game, migratory insectivorous, or migratory nongame birds should under extraordinary conditions become seriously injurious to agricultural, fishing, or other interests in any particular locality, the minister may issue permits to kill such birds so long as they shall continue to be injurious. Applications for such permits shall include a full statement describing—

(1) The species and an estimate of the numbers of birds committing the damage.

(2) The nature and extent of the damage.

(3) The extent of the agricultural or other interests threatened or involved.

Such permits shall be revocable at the discretion of the minister. On the expiration of the permit the person to whom it is issued shall furnish to the minister a written report showing the number of birds killed, the dates upon which they were killed, and the disposition made of the dead birds.

No birds killed under such permits shall be shipped, sold, or offered for sale.



18a. Any British subject domiciled in the Province of Quebec may capture by trapping or kill by shooting American and red-breasted mergansers within the counties of Rimouski, Matane, Matapedia, Bonaventure, and Gaspé, Province of Quebec, on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, and within the county of Saguenay, Province of Quebec, on the north shore of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, from April 1 to August 31, both dates inclusive; *provided*, that the birds so killed shall not be sold or offered for sale or shipped or transported from one person to another, except that they may be shipped or transported as a gift to persons authorized by permits granted by virtue of clause 11 of these regulations to take or possess such birds for scientific purposes.

18b. Any superintendents of fish hatcheries situated in the Province of Quebec, any salaried Provincial or Federal game officer duly appointed for that Province, or any owner or any lessee of fishing areas in that Province, the bona fide employees of such owners or lessees, and the members of fishing clubs which lease fishing rights, may kill loons by shooting, within the Province of Quebec from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, from April 1 to October 31, both dates inclusive; *provided*, that the birds so killed shall not be sold or offered for sale or shipped or transported from one person to another, except that they may be shipped or transported as a gift to persons authorized by permits granted by virtue of clause 11 of these regulations to take or possess such birds for scientific purposes.

18c. Any British subject domiciled in the county of Saguenay, Province of Quebec, may kill great black-backed gulls by shooting, within the county of Saguenay, Province of Quebec, from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, from June 15 to October 31, both dates inclusive; *provided*, that the birds so killed shall not be sold or offered for sale or shipped or transported from one person to another, except that they may be shipped or transported as a gift to persons authorized by permits granted by virtue of clause 11 of these regulations to take or possess such birds for scientific purposes.

18d. The minister may on any date between August 15 and September 14, inclusive, issue a general permit, covering any one or more of the Provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, which shall allow any owner or occupier of land in the Province named, having a cereal crop growing or in stock on his said land, to shoot on such land wild ducks which are found causing serious injury to such crop: *Provided*, That wild ducks so killed shall not be sold or offered for sale, and that wild ducks shall not be shot at or killed outside of the area on which the crop is being so seriously injured.

19. No person or organization shall introduce for the purpose of sport or acclimatization any species of migratory birds without the consent of the minister in writing.

20. No person shall destroy, deface, tear down, or damage maliciously, any posters, notice boards, or signs erected to acquaint the public with any provisions of the Migratory Birds Convention Act or Regulations thereunder.

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## CANADIAN TARIFF ACT PROHIBITING IMPORTATION OF PLUMAGE, MONGOOSES, AND CERTAIN BIRDS

The importation of bird plumage into Canada for millinery purposes is prohibited by tariff item 1212 under Schedule C (prohibited goods), as added by section 5 of the Canadian customs tariff act of 1914. Item 1212 prohibits the entry of the following:

1212. Aigrettes, egret plumes, or so-called osprey plumes, and the feathers, quills, heads, wings, tails, skins, or parts of skins of wild birds either raw or manufactured; but this provision shall not come into effect until January 1, 1915, and shall not apply to—

- (a) The feathers or plumes of ostriches;
- (b) The plumage of the English pheasant and the Indian peacock;
- (c) The plumage of wild birds ordinarily used as articles of diet;
- (d) The plumage of birds imported alive; nor to
- (e) Specimens imported under regulations of the minister of customs for any natural-history or other museum or for educational purposes.

Item 1214 under Schedule C (prohibited goods), as added by the customs tariff act, effective May 24, 1922, prohibits the entry of the following:

1214. (a) Common mongoose (*Herpestes griseus*) or mongoose of any kind;  
(b) Common mynah, Chinese mynah, crested mynah, or any other species of the starling family (Sturnidæ);  
(c) Java sparrows, rice bird, nutmeg finch, or other species of the weaver bird family (Ploceidæ);  
(d) European chaffinch (*Fringilla cælebs*);  
(e) Great titmouse (*Parus major*).





